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SUBJECT: CODEL FRASER: TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO LONDON
AND CARDIFF TRIP

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1. EMBASSY IS GRATEFUL FOR INFORMATION ON TRAVEL OF MEMBERS CODEL FRASER TO LONDON PROVIDED IN NUMEROUS TELECONS; HOWEVER, EMBASSY LONDON FEELS COMPELLED TO BRING TO CODEL'S ATTENTION ITS VIEWS ON THE POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES OF THE BRUSSELS-LONDON LEG OF TRIP VIA OSTEND-DOVER FERRY.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MUCH OF THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF CODEL, PARTICULARLY TO STAFF ASSISTANTS AND MILITARY ESCORTS. ALL TRAVELERS, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE AWARE THAT PLANNED TRIP USING OSTEND-DOVER FERRY, EVEN UNDER BEST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, IS LIKELY TO BE UNCOMFORTABLE, CROWDED AND TIRING. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO RESERVE CABIN SPACE ON FERRY AND EVEN SEATING SPACE IS AT A PREMIUM. THIS PARTICULAR
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FERRY HAS IN PAST BEEN MUCH USED BY BUS TOURS, JUNKETEERING STUDENTS AND MULTITUDES OF TOURISTS. FROM DOVER END PASSENGERS CANNOT EXPECT PORTER SERVICES AND WILL THEREFORE BE REQUIRED TO "HUSTLE" OWN LUGGAGE THROUGH CUSTOMS TO ONWARD TRANSPORTATION (FYI: CUSTOMS PROCEDURES AT DOVER FOR ALL FERRY PASSENGERS ARE MOST RIGOROUS IN BRITAIN AND EMBASSY HAS HAD NO SUCCESS IN PAST IN

OBTAINING RELIEF FOR VIP TRAVELERS. END FYI.) WE HAVE TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO BRING PASSENGERS, IF THEY CONTINUE TO PREFER FERRY OPTION IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, BY BUS TO LONDON. WE ESTIMATE ARRIVAL AT BRITANNIA HOTEL CONSERVATIVELY AT 9.45, POSSIBLY LATER DUE TO WEEKEND TRAFFIC. THIS WOULD ALLOW TIME FOR CODEL MEMBERS TO GET DINNER IN LONDON (WE UNDERSTAND FOOD SERVICES ON FERRY ARE LIMITED AND PASSENGERS MUST QUEUE), BUT WOULD NOT ALLOW FOR SHOWS OR THEATER.

3. TRIP TO CARDIFF. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GWYN MORGAN, HEAD OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT INFORMATION OFFICE IN CARDIFF. MORGAN WILL NOT BE IN CARDIFF JULY 14 BUT WOULD BE ABLE TO SUGGEST A POSSIBLE CARDIFF PROGRAM INCLUDING FOLLOWING: A COURTESY CALL ON LORD MAYOR AND VISIT TO CITY HALL, POSSIBLE MEETINGS WITH LOCAL POLITICIANS IN CARDIFF, BRIEFING SESSION ON EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT FINANCED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SIGHTSEEING ARRANGEMENTS. MORGAN ASKED FOR NAMES AND NUMBERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND EMBASSY IS CONFIDENT HE CAN MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS ONCE FIRM DECISION IS REACHED. TRAVEL TO CARDIFF COULD BE BY BUS WE HAVE CHARTERED FOR ENTIRE STAY OR, PERHAPS LESS PREFERABLE, TRAIN. WE SUGGEST EARLY DEPARTURE FROM BRITANNIA AT ABOUT 8:30 WITH RETURN TO BRITANNIA AT 6:30 OR 7:00. WALES OFFICE IS ALSO READY TO ASSIST IN FACILITATING TRIP.
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4. WE STILL LACK FIRM INFORMATION ON ETA LONDON FOR REPRESENTATIVE AND MRS. NOLAN, REPRESENTATIVE FITHIAN AND REPRESENTATIVE RYAN (APPARENTLY ARRIVING IN LONDON FROM SCANDANAVIA ON JULY 10).

5. RE DEPARTURE: MAC FLIGHT TUESDAY, JULY 12, IS DEPARTING FROM MILDENHALL AIR FORCE BASE APPROXIMATELY

CHECK-IN TIME FOR PLANE IS 12:30 P.M. REQUIRING DEPARTURE NO LATER THAN 10:00 OR 10:30 A.M. EMBASSY ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE VIP HANDLING AT MILDENHALL WHICH WOULD PERHAPS EASE DEPARTURE SCHEDULE. PASSENGERS FOR MAC FLIGHT, ACCORDING OUR INFORMATION, ARE FITHIAN, MADIGAN AND WIFE, AND MARTIN AND WIFE. STANTON AND WIFE NOT YET CONFIRMED.

6. INDEPENDENT TRAVEL FOR ARCHER JULY 12 PANAM TO WASHINGTON AND CORMAN (BUT NOT DAUGHTER) PANAM JULY 11 TO NEW YORK. ALL OTHER TRAVELERS CODEL FRASER LISTED AS DEPARTING FRIDAY, JULY 15, VIA MILITARY AIR WITH MEMBERS UNCLASSIFIED

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7. EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE ON QUESTIONS RAISED BY TELEPHONE OR IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM.

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